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SUBJECT: BURMESE ALLEGATIONS THAT AMERICANS TRAINED KAREN  
DISSIDENTS

REF: BANGKOK 6293

1. DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE SERVICES INTELLIGENCE (COLONEL  
AUNG HTAY) IN RECENT CONVERSATION MENTIONED SEVERAL LOW  
LEVEL REPORTS IN FORM OF VILLAGER SIGHTINGS OF THREE  
"AMERICANS" WHO APPEARED TO BE IN ACTIVE COLLABORATION  
WITH KNUF TROOPS JUST BEFORE MYAWADI BATTLE. AUNG HTAY  
SAID REPORTS HAD BEEN MENTIONED TO KRIANGSAK DURING  
LATTER'S VISIT TO RANGOON.

2. AUNG HTAY SAID GUB ASSUMPTION IS THAT IF REPORT HAS  
ANY BASIS IN FACT THEN AMERICANS INVOLVED ARE PROBABLY  
PRIVATE CITIZENS, NOT OFFICIALS, AND WERE OPERATING  
WITHOUT USG SANCTION. AUNG HTAY SAID ON BASIS HIS OWN  
SERVICE AS MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON HE IS AWARE  
THAT MOST MATURE AMERICAN MALES HAVE AT LEAST SOME MILITARY  
EXPERIENCE, AND THERE ARE IDEALISTIC PERSONS WHO WOULD

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BE WILLING TO PASS ON WHAT THEY KNOW TO GROUPS LIKE KNUF.

HE ADDED THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION OF OFFICIAL USG INVOLVEMENT IN BURMESE STATEMENTS TO KRIANGSAK, AND HE KNOWS OF NO SUCH SUSPICIONS IN GUB LEADERSHIP CIRCLES.

3. NEVERTHELESS, WE AGREE WITH REFTTEL'S EMPHASIS THAT GUB CONTINUES WATCHFUL AND INTERESTED IN ANY HINT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WITH DISSIDENT GROUPS. AUNG HTAY'S DISMISSAL OF THE "LOW LEVEL" REPORTS PROBABLY ACCURATELY REFLECTS VIEWS OF GUB LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, BUT REPORTS OF THIS KIND OFTEN CIRCULATE IN LESS SOPHISTICATED BURMESE MILITARY AND POLITICAL CIRCLES WHICH ARE MORE READY TO ASSUME THE WORST ABOUT USG SUPPORT TO INSURGENTS.

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